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Jenny Ericson
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Dear Ms. Ericson:

The Six Shooter Vegetation Management Project is designed to improve big game habitat, restore fire to the ecosystem, improve forest resilience, restore western juniper to historic levels, improve bald eagle winter roosting habitat and provide timber products within the project area (about 15,058 acres) on the Klamath National Forest. The actions proposed in the project include 1) thinning, 2) brush mowing, 3) juniper reduction, 4) fuels treatment, and 5) site preparation and replanting activities.

The Klamath National Forest has determined through the enclosed Biological Assessment that the proposed Six Shooter Vegetation Management Project "*may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect*" the gray wolf, and since there is no designated critical habitat in the state of California, the project will have "*no effect*" on its critical habitat. The project is outside of the known range or does not contain suitable, potential or critical habitat for the listed northern spotted owl, yellow-billed cuckoo (Western U. S. DPS), Oregon spotted frog, Lost River sucker, shortnose sucker, Conservancy fairy shrimp, vernal pool fairy shrimp and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp, and therefore, the project will have "*no effect*" on these species or critical habitat. I am requesting consultation pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, regarding the effects of this project.

Please call Chad Bell at (530) 841-4416 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA A. GRANTHAM
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures

